

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 566

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the corps of volunteers who serve Blount Memorial Hospital.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as stalwart volunteers and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such renowned group of citizens are the men and women who dedicate their time and energies volunteering at Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, collectively, the nearly 125 volunteers have given a combined 350,000 hours of service to the hospital, its patients, and its facilities, an incredible accomplishment that was heartily extolled by Blount Memorial Hospital Chief Executive Officer Don Heinemann and hospital board president Roberts Redwine at the Blount Memorial Auxiliary's recent annual awards banquet; and

WHEREAS, each person touched by the help of these dedicated and steadfast volunteers has been enriched, their burden made somewhat lighter by the touch and smile of one who cares; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers are generally in their senior years and post-retirement, and they enjoy a gratifying symbiotic relationship with the patients. Their roles in volunteer service contribute greatly to their purpose and pleasure in life; and

WHEREAS, while numerous volunteers received recognition awards for having volunteered at least fifty hours of service, ninety-year-old Juanita Hammontree received the highest honor of the day and was given a much-deserved standing ovation for her efforts, which have yielded 25,500 hours of service; and

WHEREAS, the Blount Memorial Hospital corps of volunteers epitomizes the highest tenets of the Volunteer State, and it is fitting for this legislative body to recognize them at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate the Blount Memorial Hospital corps of volunteers for their extraordinary service to their community, and extend our best wishes for success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.